

**MAPLE GROVE
ARBOR COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
March 10, 2016
MAPLE GROVE GOVERNMENT CENTER
7:00 PM**

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Arbor Committee was called to order by Chairperson Mary Parenteau at 7:00 pm.

Members Present

Mary Parenteau, Julie Gamber, Joe Hogeboom, Frank Kampel, Marilyn Arnlund, Mary Lynn Kenknight

Members Absent

Terri Polski, Ed Reichow, Steve Courtney, Rory Howell

Also Present

Kelly Matzke - Staff Representative

Approval of Agenda
and Minutes

Chairperson Parenteau asked if there were any additions or revisions to the agenda. Hearing none, Committee Member Arnlund made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Gamber and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Chair Parenteau asked if there were any revisions to the February 11, 2016 meeting minutes. Hearing none, Committee Member Kampel made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Gamber and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Old Business

EAB Management Plan Update

Staff Liaison Matzke shared that City staff is moving forward with the production of a draft ordinance and an Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan. Matzke stated that the Parks Department is currently looking into potential impacts to parkland trees, and that hopefully a draft Plan will be ready to be viewed by the Arbor Committee in April and could go to the City Council for approval as early as May.

Committee Member Arnlund stated that she, in coordination with City staff, applied for a grant from the MN Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund for the purpose of installing a gravel bed to produce bare root trees. Arnlund was recently notified that the City will likely be awarded \$30,000 to get the project started.

Arnlund stated that with the grant proceeds, the City will initially plant 150 trees in a newly constructed gravel bed at the City Public Works Facility. The trees would be watered by a newly installed irrigation system. Arnlund stated that she will look into whether or not a rainwater measuring gauge would be available for the system.

Once the initial 150 trees have grown through the summer, they would then be planted throughout the City. Arnlund stated that there are a few details that she is working out with the grantor, and she will report more information about the grant in April. Chair Parenteau thanked Arnlund for her work in securing the grant.

2016 Arbor Day Planning

Staff Liaison Matzke introduced this item, and explained that planning is underway for the 2016 Arbor Day event, scheduled to be on Saturday, April 30th from 12-4 pm at the Maple Grove Community Center.

The Committee discussed including the following events in the 2016 Arbor Day event:

- Buckthorn Education/ Dabber Sales
 - The group will decide in April if the Committee will purchase dabbers in bulk and sell them at the Community Center.
- DNR Invasive Species Display
 - Matzke will see if an alternate staff person is available from the DNR to staff this event.
- Mulch Display
 - Committee Member Reichow will bring material for the Mulch Display.
- Hennepin County Recycling and Composting
 - The Committee agreed this will be a good thing to advertise at the event, as well as organics recycling now available at the County facility on Jefferson Highway.
- Reptile and Discovery Zoo
 - Chair Parenteau asked if this event could be moved from 1-2 pm. Staff Liaison Matzke will double-check and report back.

- U of M Raptor Center
- Tree Raffle Drawing – 2 Serviceberry Trees
- Tree Display
- Barb Boulka – Landscape Artist
- Home Depot-sponsored Bird House Building
- Maple Grove Wood Carvers
- Flower Pots/Seeds from Lynde Greenhouse and Nursery
- Wright/Hennepin Seedling Giveaway
 - Staff Liaison Matzke will contact Wright/Hennepin.
- Public Tree Inventory Display
- EAB and Smokey the Bear Costumes
 - National Honor Society students will take on this duty.
- Audubon Society
- Tree Medallions
 - Staff Liaison Matzke will double-check the current inventory of tree medallion materials.
- Passbook Scavenger Hunt
- EAB Nerf Game
 - Committee Member Arnlund discussed the game and possible prizes that could be given for participants.
- Paper Tree Making
 - The Committee will discuss this with Committee Member Polski at the April meeting.
- Invasive Species DNR Display
- Bee House Making
- Master Gardener/Tree Care Advisor
- Plant a Tree Video
 - Staff Liaison Matzke will ask that another video is produced for the event.
- Tote Bag Giveaway
 - The Shoppes at Arbor Lakes has donated tote bags for the event.
- Refreshments
 - Various Committee Members will bring refreshments, including cookies and McDonald's orange drink.

Committee Member Reichow suggested adding ash tree identification information at the event. Committee Member Arnlund suggested possibly identifying outdoor ash trees.

Committee Member Kampel suggested that staff look into assembling handouts to distribute, as well as Smokey the Bear and EAB costume availability.

New Business

Green Step City

Staff Liaison Matzke informed the Committee that Maple Grove is currently designated as a Level 2 Green Step City by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Matzke explained that City Planner Peter Vickerman is LEED-certified and is spearheading this initiative.

The Arbor Committee discussed that the City of Maple Grove has been designated as a "Tree City USA" since 1986 by the National Arbor Day Foundation.

Area Reports

Committee Member Kenknight inquired about the possibility of arranging a community garlic mustard pull event at the Forest Preserve this spring. The Committee will discuss this in further detail in April.

Committee Member Kenknight inquired about a tree that had been hit by a vehicle on Dunkirk Lane No. over the past weekend. Staff Liaison Matzke informed the Committee that there had been an automotive accident, and that the City is aware of the damage.

Committee Member Hogeboom requested that the City consider paving Elm Road, between Lawndale Lane and Vicksburg Lane.

Adjournment

Committee Member Arnlund made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Gamber and passed unanimously on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Joe Hogeboom, Secretary
City of Maple Grove Arbor Committee
March 11, 2016